

Dear Honorable Members of the Joint Committee On Planning and Development:

My name is Rose Young and I am a resident of Connecticut. I strongly request that you support HB 5170, an Act Concerning The Tethering and Sheltering of Dogs. We have very harsh winters here in CT and we have some very hot days in the summer. It tears my heart out to see a dog chained outside with no shelter. The bill is straight forward, humane and fair - it is designed to protect dogs during extreme weather conditions before they show visible signs of suffering and distress when it is evident the weather poses a threat to the dog's welfare. It also gives Animal Control Officers clear direction and the necessary tools to help before the situation becomes life-threatening. The bill passed the house by a large margin in 2018 but was not finalized at that time. You now have the opportunity to make it a law and I sincerely request and hope that you will do so. I can't believe how cruel people can be to dogs either by intention or negligence and it is sad that a law is needed to protect dogs from extreme weather, but it is needed. Please help by passing HB 5170. Thank you for your consideration.

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